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Dave Shaver Genwal Resources, Inc. P. O. Box 910 East Carbon, Utah 84520-0910

Subject:

Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N 10043, Task ID #3401, Genwal

Resources, Inc., Crandall Canyon Mine, C/015/0032, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Shaver:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under R645-401.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced violation. The violation was issued by Division Inspector, Karl Housekeeper, on August 10, 2009. Rule R645-401-600 et. seq. has been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Under R645-401-700, there are two informal appeal options available to you:

1. If you wish to informally appeal the <u>fact of this violation</u>, you should file a written request for an Informal Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. This conference will be conducted by the Division Director. This Informal Conference is distinct from the Assessment Conference regarding the proposed penalty.





2. If you wish to review the proposed penalty assessment, you should file a written request for an Assessment Conference within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. If you are also requesting a review of the fact of violation, as noted in paragraph 1, the Assessment Conference will be scheduled immediately following that review.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of violation will stand, the proposed penalty(ies) will become final, and the penalty(ies) will be due and payable within thirty (30) days of the proposed assessment. Please remit payment to the Division, mail c/o Suzanne Steab.

Sincerely,

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Joseph C. Helfrich Assessment Officer

Enclosure

cc:

**OSM Compliance Report** Suzanne Steab, DOGM Price Field Office O:\015032.CRA\FINAL\PROPOSED\_NOV 10043.DOC

## WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING

COM	PANY /	MINE	Genwal Resources In	c., Crandall Canyon M	ine			
PERN	/IIT <u>C/(</u>	015/003	<u>2</u> NOV / CO #	N 10043	VIOL	ATION _1_	of <u>1</u>	
ASSE	ESSMEN	T DAT	E October 28, 2009					
ASSE	ESSMEN	T OFF	ICER Joe Helfrich					
I.	HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.)							
	A.	A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall one (1) year of today's date?						
	PREV	IOUS V	VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE		POINTS		
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1 point for each past violation, up to one (1) year 5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one (1) year No pending notices shall be counted								
				TOTA	L HIS	TORY POINTS	S <u>0</u>	
II. <u>SERIOUSNESS</u> (Either A or B)								
	NOTE:		For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following apply:					
		1.	Based on facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within each category where the violation falls.					
		2.	Beginning at the mid- adjust the points up o statements as guiding	point of the category, or down, utilizing the ing documents.	the Ass spector	essment Officer 's and operator's	will	
		Is this	an EVENT (A) or HINDRANCE (B) violation? Event					
	A.	EVEN	VIOLATION (Max 45 pts.)					
		1.	What is the event wh	ich the violated standar	d was o	designed to prev	ent?	
		Water	Pollution					

2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

<b>PROBABILITY</b>	<u>RANGE</u>
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

#### ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 20

#### PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

\*\*\*According to the information in the inspector statement, "Mine water exiting the north portal areas and entering the receiving were high in iron content."

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage?

RANGE 0-25

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

#### ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS <u>15</u>

#### PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

\*\*\*The data from the discharge monitoring reports DMR's from December 2008 to October 2009 indicated an exceedence in the total iron limit of 1.0 ppm. Exceedences greater than 1 ppm are considered to be harmful or toxic to aquatic wildlife. Item 4a of the September 3<sup>rd</sup> technical report stated that "it did not appear that the iron traveled further than the topsoil stockpile." This distance was estimated at approximately 3,000' according to the scale on figure 2-3 of the MRP, (JCH, IW 10/28/2009). According to the DWR and FS fishery biologists the reach of stream substrate coated by the iron precipitate would not be suitable habitat for fish or macroinvertebrates. The preliminary macroinvertebrate data indicate a minor impact to the invertebrate community. The assessment may be revised upon receipt of the final analysis of the survey. The coating of the substrate developed at a slow enough rate to allow fish to avoid contact with the plume of iron precipitate.

- B. <u>HINDRANCE VIOLATION</u> (Max 25 pts.)
  - 1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? Actual RANGE 0-25

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN	HINDRAN	ICE POINTS	

## PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

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## TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B) 35

## III. <u>NEGLIGENCE</u> (Max 30 pts.)

A. Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care? IF SO--NO NEGLIGENCE; or, was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care, or the failure to abate any violation due to the same? IF SO--GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

No Negligence 0
Negligence 1-15
Greater Degree of Fault 16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE Greater Degree of Fault

## ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS <u>20</u>

#### PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

\*\*\* According to the information in the inspector statement, the permittee was in violation of a specific permit condition, that being the requirement to meet the required water quality standards for iron.

## IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.)

(Either A or B)

(Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures)

A. Did the operator have onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area?

IF SO--EASY ABATEMENT

Easy Abatement Situation

• Immediate Compliance -11 to -20\*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)

• Rapid Compliance -1 to -10 (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)

• Normal Compliance 0

(Operator complied within the abatement period required) (Operator complied with condition and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

- \*Assign in upper of lower half of range depending on abatement occurring the 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.
- B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance?

IF SO--DIFFICULT ABATEMENT

## Difficult Abatement Situation

- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20\*
  (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
- Normal Compliance -1 to -10\*
  - (Operator complied within the abatement period required)
- Extended Compliance 0

(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard of the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete) (Permittee complied with conditions and/or terms of approved Mining and Reclamation Plan)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Difficult, plans were required

#### ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS \_\_-15\_

#### PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

\*\*\*There was no longer an opportunity to obtain data from the previous point in time. A conceptual plan was E" mailed to the Division on September  $16^{th}$  2009, final abatement plans for incorporation into the MRP were received by the Division on October 15th, 2009.

## V. <u>ASSESSMENT SUMMARY</u>

NOTICE OF VIOLATION # N 10043							
I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	0					
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	35					
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	20					
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	- 15					
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	40					
	TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	\$ 2200					